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1. ACTING SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NORRISH HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT USUAL PRACTICE DURING SHORT INITIAL CALL BY IMPORTANT FOREIGN VISITORS ON PRIME MINISTER IS FOR PARTICIPANTS TO BE LIMITED TO PRIME MINISTER, IMPORTANT FOREIGN VISITOR, AND AMBASSADOR REPRESENTING COUNTRY OF FOREIGN VISITOR. THAT MEANS THAT ONLY VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, PRIME MINISTER MULDOON AND AMBASSADOR SELDEN WOULD BE PRESENT IF NORMAL PRACTICE IS FOLLOWED. NORRISH BELIEVES THAT PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S PERSONAL PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO RESTRICT SIZE OF SHORT INITIAL SESSION. ACCORDING TO NORRISH'S UNDERSTANDING, THESE INTITIAL MEETINGS ARE GENERALLY TAKEN UP MAINLY WITH PLEASANTRIES RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE.

2. NORRISH ADDED THAT IF FOREGOING DOES NOT ACCORD WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S WISHES, HE WOULD TAKE MATTER UP DIRECTLY WITH PRIME MINISTER MULDOON.
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